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Letter dated 30 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine issued on 29 January 2003 on the occasion of the signing of the Treaty between Ukraine and the Russian Federation on the Ukrainian-Russian State Border (see annex).

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies", and of the Security Council.

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28 January marked a prominent event in the history of Ukraine and the Russian Federation: Presidents Leonid Kuchma and Vladimir Putin signed the Treaty on the Ukrainian-Russian State Border. This completed an important stage of legal formalization of the Ukrainian State Border.

The signing of the Treaty opens a new page in the centuries-old history of the Ukrainian and Russian nations. It expands opportunities for further development of the relations between Ukraine and Russia as independent sovereign States and good neighbours. Our peoples confirmed their aspiration to build their mutual relations on the principles of friendship, cooperation and partnership. Hereby they made another contribution to the cause of strengthening European security.

The Treaty will contribute to the consolidation of a high level of mutual understanding and trust, to the civilized resolution of the issues which may arise between Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

The work done represents a road map for further cooperation in the settlement of remaining problems and a guarantee of their resolution in the interests of both sides. To this end Ukraine will continue to make efforts to complete legal formalization of the State Border along its full perimeter.